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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS  
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING AUGUST 12, 1974:

QUOTE:

MR. ANDERSON: I HAVE TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
I THOUGHT I WOULD GIVE YOU AN OUTLINE OF THE SCHEDULE OF  
FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI'S VISIT. AT FOUR O'CLOCK TODAY  
THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AS CO-CHAIRMEN,  
WILL CONVENE A PLENARY MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION  
AT THE DEPARTMENT. FOLLOWING THIS, THE SECRETARY AND  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HAVE POLITICAL TALKS AS PART  
OF THE ON-GOING CONSULTATION THE UNITED STATES IS HAV-  
ING WITH THE PARTIES TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THE  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WILL JOIN WITH  
THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS FOR A MEETING ON THE ECO-  
NOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS OF THE VISIT.  
THIS WILL BE WHEN THE FIRST MEETING BREAKS UP WHEN THE  
SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER GO INTO THE POLITICAL  
TALKS. THIS MEETING

WILL BE CHAIRED BY TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON. AND HE'LL  
BE JOINED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND AID DIRECTOR  
PARKER. AND THESE TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE DEPUTY  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Q. WHO LEADS THE EGYPTIAN SIDE?

A. I HAVE NOT GOT THAT HERE. I'LL GET IT FOR YOU.

Q. IS THAT FOUR O'CLOCK MEETING OPEN TO COVERAGE?  
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A. I AM UNAWARE THAT IT IS. AS I GET ON THE SCHEDULE,  
THERE'S ONE TOMORROW THAT WILL BE OPEN.

Q. COULD YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE OTHER AT FOUR?

A. YES.  
TOMORROW AT TEN O'CLOCK MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN DELE-  
GATION AND THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS WILL CONTINUE  
MEETING ON ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATTERS.

Q. WHERE?

A. HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT.  
AT ONE O'CLOCK THE SECRETARY HOSTS A LUNCHEON FOR FOR-

EIGNMINISTER FAHMI AND HIS POLITICAL ADVISERS HERE IN THEDEPARTMENT. AND AID DIRECTOR PARKER WILL BE OFFERING A LUNCH FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION. AND TOMORROW EVENING AMBASSADOR GHORBAL HOSTS A DINNER FOR THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI AT THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. THEN ON WEDNESDAY, THE 14TH, AT ELEVEN, THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER MEET HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND AT TWELVE NOON THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMISSION, WILL SIGN A JOINT STATEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT. AND THAT WILL BE OPEN FOR PRESS COVERAGE.

AND THE WHITE HOUSE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED A WORKING LUNCHEON THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE GIVING FOR FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI.

Q. ON WEDNESDAY?

A. YES.

AND WEDNESDAY EVENING THE SECRETARY WILL OFFER DINNER IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ENTIRE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION.

Q. IS THAT OPEN TO PRESS?

A. THE DINNER IN THE EVENING?

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Q. OH, I THOUGHT YOU SAID RECEPTION.

A. NO, IT'S A DINNER. EIGHT O'CLOCK DINNER.

Q. BOB, LOOKING AT THE SCHEDULE FOR THE EGYPTIANS, THERE IS NO MEETING TOMORROW BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FAHMI? I MEAN THERE'S A LUNCHEON, BUT THERE'S NO TALKS TOMORROW, OR DO I MISS SOMETHING?

A. WELL, YOU CAN ASSUME THAT THE LUNCHEON THAT THE SECRETARY IS GIVING FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS POLITICAL ADVISERS WILL BE A WORKING LUNCHEON.

Q. I SEE.

Q. THE TEN O'CLOCK MEETING HERE YOU LIST AS MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN AND U.S. DELEGATIONS, THAT WILL HAVE NEITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOR THE SECRETARY IN IT?

A. THAT'S RIGHT. THIS WILL BE A CONTINUATION OF THE SECOND MEETING THAT I MENTIONED.

Q. THE SIMON AND INGERSOLL MEETING?

A. YES. ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

Q. BOB, YOU REFERRED TWICE TO SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC. ARE THERE CULTURAL PROGRAMS UNDERWAY OR BEING ANTICIPATED BETWEEN US AND EGYPT?

A. WELL, I KNOW THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RICHARD-

SON WILL BE TALKING WITH THE EGYPTIANS DURING THE VISIT HERE. AS TO WHETHER THERE ARE ANY THINGS UNDER WAY YET, I DO NOT KNOW, BUT OUT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS --

Q. MAY COME SOMETHING?

A. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SOMETHING WOULD COME. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE TALKS.

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Q. BOB, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE NUCLEARPOWER PLANT THAT WE PROMISED TO SELL TO EGYPT? IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT LIKELY TO COME UP NOW, OR IS THAT IN THE BUREAUCRATIC MAZE, OR WHAT IS THE STATUS?

A. I HAVE NOTHING RECENT ON THAT. I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND SEE IF I CAN BRING IT UP TO DATE IF THERE IS ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT.

Q. ARE THERE ANY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, SINCE THE AGREEMENT?

A. I WILL LOOK INTO IT, BUT I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYTHING AT ALL.

Q. BOB, CAN I GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. SURE.

Q. DARIUS, I JUST WANT TO GET A COUPLE DATES THAT WE HAVE. KING HUSSEIN IS GOING TO BE HERE TOWARD THE END OF THIS WEEK. DO YOU KNOW WHEN, YET?

A. YES, THE WHITE HOUSE MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THAT JUST NOW. IT IS FRIDAY.

Q. AND RABIN WE KNOW IS COMING, BUT DO WE KNOW WHEN?

A. I DO NOT HAVE A SET DATE ON THAT YET. WHEN I GET IT, I WILL GIVE IT TO YOU.

Q. DOES IT SOUND LIKE THIS MONTH, THOUGH?

A. I'D RATHER JUST CHECK IT. BUT I RECALL THE LAST TIME I FOCUSSED ON IT, IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AROUND THE END

OF THE MONTH. BUT I'D LIKE TO GET THE EXACT DATE.

Q. WHAT ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM? ANY DATE SET FOR HIM?

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A. AS I ANNOUNCED BEFORE, THERE WILL BE A VISIT BY A SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT SOME FUTURE TIME. I DO NOT HAVE THE NAME OF THE SYRIAN REPRESENTATIVE OR THE DATE ON WHICH THIS WILL OCCUR. AND HERE AGAIN, ON THAT, DARIUS, AS SOON AS I GET SOMETHING DEFINITE, I WILL REPORT IT.

Q. WITHOUT GETTING TOO SPECIFIC, THERE IS A STORY OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST -- I THINK IT BROKE YESTERDAY -- THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE VISITING THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. CAN YOU GIVE US ANYTHING ON THAT?

A. I HAVE READ ONE REPORT THAT HE MIGHT BE VISITING IRAN SOON. THIS MAY VERY WELL -- THIS IS ALL TENTATIVE -- IRAN MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE SAME TRIP WHICH WILL TAKE THE SECRETARY TO INDIA. BUT THIS IS ALL TENTATIVE HERE.  
AS FOR ANOTHER REPORT I SAW ABOUT VISITING THE MIDDLE EAST THE WAY WE ALL DID IN APRIL AND MAY, I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT.

Q. BOB, MAY I GO BACK TO THE EGYPTIAN MEETINGS? THERE IS A REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAVE ASKED FOR \$750 MILLION IN FOOD UNDER THE "FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM" WHICH IS LARGER THAN THE ENTIRE SUM THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE. CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THIS?

A. WELL, THIS SUBJECT CAME UP DURING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED HERE. WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE CONCERNS OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT ITS AGRICULTURAL NEEDS AND, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO, SAID THAT THESE NEEDS WOULD BE GIVEN A HIGH PRIORITY HERE IN WASHINGTON. AND THAT REMAINS THE CASE. AND WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS WHOLE QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMI AND HIS DELEGATION DURING THEIR VISIT THIS WEEK. THAT IS

ALL I HAVE ON IT.  
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Q. BOB, ON A RELATED SUBJECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WITH REGARD TO THE SYRIAN'S VISIT HERE, WILL THE QUESTION BE BROUGHT UP THEN ABOUT THE BINGHAM AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN AID BILL WHICH WILL RESTRICT U.S. AID TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH FORBIDS ITS CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO EMIGRATE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT.

Q. HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT GIVEN ANY CONSIDERATION TO A STATEMENT ON THE AMENDMENT?

A. I'LL LOOK INTO IT. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY CONSIDERATION TO THE STATEMENT, BUT I WILL CHECK.

Q. YOU SAID THAT MR. FAHMI WOULD BE HERE FOR POLITICAL TALKS, AND YOU, OF COURSE, SPOKE OF THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSIONS. YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN OF MILITARY AID. WILL THERE BE ANY DISCUSSION OF MILITARY AID FOR EGYPT ON THE CURRENT VISIT?

A. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY PLANS FOR ANY SUCH DISCUSSION.

Q. WELL, SUPPOSE THE EGYPTIANS RAISED IT. WOULD THEY BE CUT OFF, OR LISTENED TO SYMPATHETICALLY?

A. I'D RATHER GO BACK TO WHAT THE SECRETARY HAS SAID IN THE PAST ON THAT SUBJECT.

Q. IT HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE THEN?

A. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO.

Q. BOB, WHAT WOULD BE SOME OF THE OTHER TOPICS THAT COME UNDER THE GENERAL HEADING OF "ECONOMIC" IN THE TALKS TOMORROW?

A. I'LL BE GLAD TO GET FOR YOU SOME OF THE SUBJECTS THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED. I DON'T HAVE THEM HERE IN FRONT OF ME, DARIUS. I'LL GET IT AND HAVE IT AVAILABLE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESS OFFICE FOR YOU. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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